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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CYRUS VANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SECRETARY CYRUS VANCE)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST

1. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO VISIT THE MIDDLE EAST
AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE CON-
VEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO KING HUSSEIN.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

PRESIDENT CARTER ATTACHES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO MAKING
SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THIS YEAR TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE HAS THEREFORE ASKED ME TO
VISIT CERTAIN KEY MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS SO THAT WE MAY HAVE
THE BENEFIT OF THE VIEWS OF THE LEADERS IN THE AREA AS WE
DEVELOP OUR OWN THINKING ABOUT HOW PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE
CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED. IF IT IS CONVENIENT TO YOUR

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MAJESTY, I WOULD PROPOSE TO ARRIVE IN AMMAN FROM CAIRO
ABOUT NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, AND TO DEPART ABOUT
NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR DAMASCUS. I WILL ALREADY HAVE
VISITED ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND, IN ADDITION TO SYRIA, PLAN
TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOUR
MAJESTY AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND TO CON-
VEYING THE HOPES OF PRESIDENT CARTER THAT THIS WILL BE A

FRUITFUL YEAR FOR THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE

EAST. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING WHETHER THE FOREGOING
TIME WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY.
END MESSAGE.

3. PLEASE INFORM KING THAT, ASSUMING ALL CONCERNED AGREE
TO MY PROPOSED VISIT AND TO ITS TIMING, MY TRIP WILL BE
ANNOUNCED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AT ABOUT NOON, WASHINGTON
TIME, MONDAY, JANUARY 24.
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